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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJECT: ESCALATION OF IRAQI-KUWAITI BORDER RHETORIC

REF: KUWAIT 5177

1. DEPUTY ABD-AL-AZIZ MASA'ID PULLED THE GLOVES OFF IN HIS EDITORIAL ON THE IRAQI-KUWAITI BORDER ISSUE. HE STATED FLATLY THAT IRAQ OCCUPIES TWO KILOMETERS OF KUWAITI TERRITORY AND THAT KUWAITI SILENCE ON THIS MATTER WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO IRAQI OCCUPATION OF THE ISLANDS OF WARBAH AND BUBYAN, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE SOTHERN SIDE OF THE CHANNEL TO THEIR PORT OF UMM QASR.

2. MASA'ID POINTS OUT THAT THE MILITARY BUILDUP IN BOTH COUNTRIES CAN ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION MORE CRITICAL, NOT ONLY TO IRAQ AND KUWAIT, BUT TO THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD.

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3. MASA'ID URGES THAT THE GOVERNMENT NOT REMAIN SILENT ON THIS MATTER. THE MAN ON THE STREET IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND WILL NOT TOLERATE SILENCE. THIS ISSUE, STATES MASA'ID, IS A BOMB READY TO EXPLODE.

4. COMMENT: AS WE OPINED IN REF, ESCALATION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEGUN. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THIS WILL BE CONFINED TO THE FIELD OF RHETORIC OR BECOMES MORE HEATED ON THE GROUND IN THE BORDER AREA. THE EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY AND KEEP ADDEES ADVISED.
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